



***Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
November 19, 2025  
1 Johnson Drive, Desbarats, ON  
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The following minutes are comprised of resolutions and the Deputy Clerk's interpretation of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: R. McKinnon, G. Grant, J. Kern, E. McKinnon, K. Stobie

Staff: J. Boucher, C. Goertzen, R. Smith, P. Trotter, F. Labelle, R. Ford, D. Methot

Res: 2025-152 K. Stobie, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL calls this regular meeting of Council to Order at 6:00 PM.  
(cd)

Recognition of the Land Acknowledgment was given by Mayor Reg McKinnon.

No Declaration of Pecuniary Interest was filed at this time.

The minutes, statements and staff reports were approved as presented.

Res. 2025-153 G. Grant, J. Kern,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL approves the minutes of the October 15, 2025 meeting of Council, as presented.  
(cd)

Res: 2025-154 G. Grant, K. Stobie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL approves the statement for the month of October, 2025.  
(cd)

Minutes of the Economic Development Advisory Committee were presented for Council approval.

Res: 2025-155 G. Grant, K. Stobie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts the Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from October 2, 2025.

(cd)

Res: 2025-156 G. Grant, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts the Staff and Committee Reports for October, 2025.

(cd)

Various staff committee reports were discussed.

The Municipal Drinking Water Licence Renewal application is due on December 14, 2025 and a component of that application is an updated Water Financial Plan. PUC assists with compiling much of the statistical information, and this financial plan is included with the Application package. The following resolution was passed, adopting the plan as presented.

Res: 2025-157 E. McKinnon, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts the Updated Water Financial Plan #275-301- Hamlet of Desbarats Drinking Water System.

(cd)

Correspondence was received from Tulloch Engineering, advising that, as of May 1, 2026, they would cease providing building services for the municipality. The following resolution was adopted regarding the same.

Res: 2025-158 G. Grant, J. Kern

WHEREAS JOHNSON TOWNSHIP does acknowledge receipt of correspondence from Tulloch Engineering regarding the discontinuance of Chief Building Official Services, effective May 1, 2026;

THEREFORE, we do direct the Deputy Clerk to explore other service delivery options for Building Inspection services.

(cd)

Correspondence was received from the Township of Plummer, regarding fire services within that municipality. Fire Chief Ron Smith addressed the matter and noted that we currently do not have the capacity to support Township of Plummer in their request.

Res: 2025-159 G. Grant, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council acknowledge receipt of correspondence from the Township of Plummer regarding Fire Protection Services and will respond accordingly.

(cd)

The municipality received information regarding a new grant opportunity for a pothole prevention program. The following resolution was adopted,

Res: 2025-160 E. McKinnon, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL acknowledge receipt of information regarding a "Pothole Prevention and Repair Funding Program;

AND THAT COUNCIL direct the Deputy Clerk and the Road Superintendent to submit an application for this funding opportunity.

(cd)

Correspondence was received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs regarding Official Plan Amendment No. 1. (Ransohoff). The ministry had no objections to the request however, a letter of objection had been received from the Garden River First Nation community. This later was later rescinded and no formal objection was filed.

Res: 2025-161 G. Grant, K. Stobie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL acknowledge receipt of information from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs regarding OPA No. 1 (Ransohoff).

(cd)

Correspondence was received from the City of Dryden regarding the need for mandatory water safety and Swim to Survive Training in the school curriculum. Council supported this resolution.

Res: 2025-162 K. Stobie, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL endorses the City of Dryden resolution requesting the Ministry of Education and the Government of Ontario to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim to Survive Training in the school curriculum.

(cd)

Council went into Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 (2) e, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege; RE: Landfill Exit Agreement.

Res. 2025-163 J. Kern, G. Grant

WHEREAS the Municipal Act S.O. 2001 Ch. 25 as amended, Section 239(2) permits closed meetings, therefore be it resolved that Council proceeds into Closed Session at 7:30 PM in order to address a matter pertaining to advice that is subject to solicitor client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

(cd)

Res. 2025-164 K. Stobie, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL return to open meeting at 8:01 PM.

(cd)

The Deputy Clerk was directed to respond to the Municipal Solicitor with additional directions regarding the exit agreement.

Further discussion regarding staff reports occurred following the closed session.

- Council agreed that the Landfill Committee meetings be reinstated between Tarbutt Township and Johnson Township.
- An additional quote was requested for the work required on the grey half ton.
- Repair work that is required to have the backup zamboni operational should be completed, prior to the new year
- Councillors will make contact with various businesses and individuals regarding the Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting on November
- The Recreation Report on Staffing Requirements for the Johnson Township Community Centre was discussed.

Res: 2025-165 G. Grant, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL pass By-law Number 2025-1156, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council on November 19, 2025.

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Res: 2025-166 E. McKinnon, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL agrees to adjourn and to meet again on December 17, 2025 or at the call of the Mayor.

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Mayor: Reg McKinnon

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Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Janet Boucher

Approved